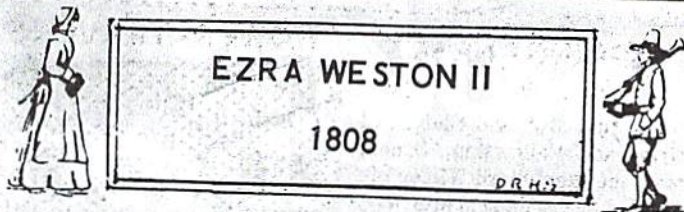


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Ezra Weston II was a member of the family firm of E. Weston and Son when he built the big square house on the Weston farm on Powder Point in 1808. He was well able to build a mansion as fine as any in Duxbury, for the Westons were fast becoming the leaders in the shipping industry.

The new house, two storied with four tall end chimneys, facing the Weston wharf, was in the midst of all the enterprises connected with the business, the rope walk, ship yard, warehouses and wharf activity before it and all the barnyard and farming areas back of it. What changes have been made over the years have not altered the appearance of the original front part of the house. The ells and additions to the rear have not spoiled the dignity of the Weston mansion.

The fine details of the interior woodwork remain, the shuttered windows are there, and the leaded glass in the fan light and side lights of the front door are unchanged. The same yellow paint is on the outside walls, restored to the original color that Ezra Weston chose.

Frederick B. Knapp bought the house from the Weston heirs and used parts of it for a boys' school until he built the Powder Point School nearby. Two other families have had the house since it was a Weston home, making such changes as the times offered but making no major changes in appearance.

Then the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society acquired the property and undertook restoration. If Mrs. Ezra Weston walked through the house today she would feel quite at home in the main part and would approve the rest, and if she stood on the wharf and looked at it, she would see the same colonial yellow mansion she and Ezra II first beheld with pride in 1808.

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